

Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs **Veterans Events In Iowa**

This event listing is put together by Todd Jacobus, National Guard representative to the Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs, and is intended to ensure that each of the Commissioners and the organizations they represent, State Leadership, and Iowa communities, have situational awareness of veterans-related events in Iowa. Please send details on events, including the 11 key pieces of information outlined below, to Todd at: todd.m.jacobus.mil@mail.mil.

1. Name of Event, 2. Date of Event, 3. Time of Event, 4. Location of Event, 5. Address of Event, 6. City, 7. State, 8. Point of Contact, 9. POC's Phone #, 10. POC's Email Address, 11. Additional details / coordinating instructions

Listed Chronologically

Events highlighted in GOLD are additions from the previous list distributed.

o Artistic Awakenings...Talent Forged from Patriotic Arms, **20 May -14 June 2013**, Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center, 75 E. Army Post Road, **Des Moines, Iowa** 50315-5866 (**Polk Co.**) Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson, Veterans Education and Programs Coordinator, (515) 282-8060, ftdm.museum.vets.edu@gmail.com. Note – As part of the Veterans and Soldiers Arts Program (VSAP), this museum exhibition celebrates the variety of artistic talents of veterans and soldiers. This VSAP event recognizes the personal impact that bearing military arms on a soldiers life and subsequently expressed in artistic outlets. Dates have changed due to the response of artistic submitter. Contact Lisa for art submission forms and to find out the special viewing dates for this exhibition.

o The Adjutant General Iowa National Guard Summer Concert Series Welcomes “Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s” (Classic 1950s Band), Concert Series #2 of 5, **6 Jun 2013** 7:00 pm, Camp Dodge Historic Pool Complex, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, **Johnston, IA** 50131 (**Polk Co.**), Colonel Greg Hapgood, Public Affairs Officer, gregory.hapgood@us.army.mil, (515) 252-4582, Note - The concert series, which is free and open to the public, consists of five concerts on successive Thursdays, including 30 May, 6 Jun, 13 Jun, 20 Jun, 27 Jun. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your lawn chairs. Coolers and picnic baskets are welcome. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled, if possible. THERE WILL BE A CLASSIC CAR SHOW BEGINNING AT 4:30 PM!
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o Support Siouxland Troops Providing Free Food to Veterans In Need, **6 Jun 2013** 5:00-7:00 pm, 514 Nebraska St., **Sioux City, IA** 51101 (**Woodbury Co.**), Sarah Peterson, (712) 541-8020, siouxlandtroops@gmail.com. Note – Please provide proof of service.

o Sioux City Bandits Military Appreciation Night, **6 Jun 2013** 7:00 pm, Tyson Center Gateway Arena, 401 Gordon Dr., **Sioux City, IA** 51101 (**Woodbury Co.**), Sarah Peterson, (712) 541-8020, siouxlandtroops@gmail.com. Note – Beginning May 15th, current service members can get up to 4 tickets free by showing ID card at Tyson Event Center Box Office.

o 2013 Department of Iowa Veterans of Foreign Wars State Convention, **6-9 Jun 2013**, Red Coach Inn, 1200 Senate Ave., **Red Oak, IA** 51566 (**Montgomery Co.**), Jerry Black, (515) 255-2139, vfwiowa@qwestoffice.net

o AMVETS Department of Iowa Convention, **7-9 Jun 2013**, Comfort Inn and Suites, 6169 Reve Ct., Hwy 61 & Hwy 2, **Fort Madison, IA** (**Lee Co.**), Dale Purdy, Dept Commander, (515) 520-9803, purdman1andonly@yahoo.com

o Gate and Arch Dedication at Woodland Cemetery, **8 Jun 2013** 9:00 am, Woodland Cemetery, 2019 Woodland Ave, **Des Moines, IA** 50312 (**Polk Co.**), , 1/Lt. D. Lamb, 49th Iowa, digger1@q.com, (515) 986-4825. Note – The Honor Guard of the 49th Iowa will take part in the dedication of the new entry gate and archway at Woodland Cemetery.

o United States Submarine Veterans Sixth Annual Tolling the Boats, **8 Jun 2013** 11:00 am, S-36 Submarine Memorial on South Side of the Iowa State Capitol Grounds, 1007 East Grand Avenue, **Des Moines IA (Polk Co.)**, Jerry Stockbauer, (515) 491-1331, stockbauerjm@yahoo.com. There will be a luncheon immediately following the ceremony at Hy-Vee Hall, 2540 East Euclid Ave., Des Moines, IA. Please RSVP by 1 Jun 2013 if you plan to attend the luncheon.

o PO2 Taylor Morris Chapter #323 Korean War Veterans Association Meeting, **8 Jun 2013** 11:00 am, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, Building 3692 (A-9), 7105 NW 70th Ave., Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center, **Johnston, IA** 50131 (**Polk Co.**), Bill Hartsock, Chapter President, bhartsock3478@msn.com, (515) 494-1606. Note – there will be a representative of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs providing information on veterans benefits. Also discussed will be the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice with the North Korea. ALL ARE WELCOME!

o 73rd Annual American Legion Boys State, **9-14 Jun 2013**, Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, **Johnston IA** 50131 (**Polk Co.**), Kathy Nees, (515) 282-5068, knees@ialegion.org

o Book Signing & Dinner by 17 Year U.S. Army Veteran Luis Carlos Montalvan – Writer of “Until Tuesday” to benefit S.T.A.R.S (Special Troopers Adaptive Riding School), **10 Jun 2013** 7:00 pm, Mrina Inn & Conference Center, 385 E 4th St, **South Sioux City, NE** 68776 (Vicinity **Woodbury Co.**), Amie L. Hanson, aimhi61@longlines.com. Note – This event will include a dinner, book sales, and book signing. Former U.S. Army Captain, Luis Carlos Montalván is the New York Times bestselling author of “Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him.” It is described as a story about war and peace, injury and recovery, psychological wounds and spiritual restoration. Montalván is a decorated 17-year veteran of the U.S. Army who served multiple combat tours including several in Iraq. In 2007, Montalván honorably departed from the military. He and Tuesday, his service dog, frequently lecture to service members, veterans and their families. On Monday, June 10th you have the opportunity to hear how Tuesday changes Montalván's life daily. REGISTER AT <http://www.scstars.org/events.html>

o Iowa Veterans Council IVC Quarterly Meeting, **11 Jun 2013** 1300-1500, Paralyzed Veterans of America Headquarters, 3703 1/2 Douglas Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310, Dave Thornburg, Secretary-Treasurer, (515) 229-8943, tankrockape@live.com. Note – The IVC is comprised of representatives of the following veterans organizations: The Veterans of World War I (honorary), AMVETS, Ex-Prisoners-of-War, Iowa Paralyzed Veterans of America, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, 40 and 8, Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans. Note 2 – The IVC may adjust its meeting locations, but it is based at the PVA. Note 3 – The IVC meets on the second Tuesday of March, June, September, and December.

o Legionnaires Day at American Legion Boys State, **11 Jun 2013**, Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center, 7105 NW 70th Ave., **Johnston, IA** 50131 (**Polk Co.**), Kathy Nees, knees@ialegion.org, (712) 830-2905

o The Adjutant General Iowa National Guard Summer Concert Series Welcomes “The Nadas” (Rock / Alternative Country Band), Concert Series #3 of 5, **13 Jun 2013** 7:00 pm, Camp Dodge Historic Pool Complex, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, **Johnston, IA** 50131 (**Polk Co.**), Colonel Greg Hapgood, Public Affairs Officer, gregory.hapgood@us.army.mil, (515) 252-4582, Note - The concert series, which is free and open to the public, consists of five concerts on successive Thursdays, including 30 May, 6 Jun, 13 Jun, 20 Jun, 27 Jun. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your lawn chairs. Coolers and picnic baskets are welcome. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled, if possible.
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o Birthday of the United States Army, 14 Jun 2013 – 238 years (June 14, 1775)

o Re-Dedication of Civil War Artifacts (Cannon and Bronze Tablet) in Honor of Flag Day, **14 Jun 2013** 12:00 pm, Story County Administration Building, 900 Sixth Street, **Nevada, IA (Story Co.)**, Brett McLain, Story County Director of Veterans Affairs, bmclain@storycounty.com, (515) 956.2625. Note – The cannon is a Confederate Parrott 3-inch cannon that was placed in front of the old courthouse in 1901 by the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic). The tablet, mounted on granite, features a profile of President Abraham Lincoln and the words of the Gettysburg Address. It was dedicated on Flag Day 1930 by the WRC (Women's Relief Corps). SUVCW (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) re-enactors will take part in the ceremony that will also honor Jason Devillo Ferguson, Story County's first hero of the Civil War. He was mortally wounded at the Battle of Shiloh, 6 April 1862, where he is buried. Grand Army of the Republic Post #31 and the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the GAR Post #147 are named in his honor. These organizations donated the historic cannon and tablet to the county. All Civil War soldiers who volunteered will be honored as well as the 550 veterans who found their final resting place in Story County. It is hoped the event will be designated a Sesquicentennial Signature Event. The public is invited. The event is supported by Story County Board of Supervisors, Story County Veterans Affairs, Iowa Genealogical Society, Story County Genealogical Society, Story City Historical Society, Slater Area Historical Association, Nevada Community Historical Society, Maxwell Community Historical Society, Ames Historical Society, Cambridge Historical Association Society, Gilbert Historical Society and Huxley Historical Society.

o Dedication of Polk County Freedom Rock, **14 Jun 2013** 3:00 pm, American Legion Post 396, 315 2nd St NW **Bondurant, IA 50035 (Polk Co.)**, Heather Johnson, Executive Director of Iowa Remembers, iowaremembersinc@live.com, (515) 4730282, Note: The Freedom Rock Artist, Bubba Sorensen, will also be at the ceremony. Iowa Remembers Page for the Freedom Rock: <http://iowaremembrancerun.com/honoring-iowas-fallen/freedom-rock-3/>

o Tallman-Lewis Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9664 and the Camanche American Legion Post 734 Conduct Flag retirement ceremony As Part of Flag Day Observance, **14 Jun 2013** 6:00 pm, Rose Hill Cemetery, **Camanche, IA** (Clinton County), Glenn Williams commander@iowavfwpost9664.org. Note – In the event of rain the picnic will be held at Garner Hall, 311 9th Ave, Camanche, Iowa.

o 2nd Annual Story County Freedom Flight Golf Tournament (4-Person Best Ball), **15 Jun 2013** 7:30 am, Ames Golf & Country Club, 5752 Geoge Washington Carver Ave., **Ames, IA 50010 (Story Co.)**, storycountyfreedomflight@gmail.com, or Luke Jensen, ljensen@storycounty.com, (515) 956-2625, Note – Price is \$75.00 per golfer, which includes 18 holes, Cart, Freedom Flight T-Shirt, Free Golf Club, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, BBQ Dinner, Silent Auction & Grab bag.

o Quad Cities Military Salute Gala in honor of the Army's 238th Birthday, **15 June 2013**, 6:00pm, Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State Street, **Bettendorf, IA 52722 (Scott Co.)** Abbey Nagle, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, (563) 823-2677, anagle@quadcitieschamber.com. Note – The Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the United States Army is partnering with the Quad City Chamber of Commerce will host this important community event. \$50 per person or sponsor a table for \$500. This is an opportunity for the Quad Cities community to showcase and celebrate America's gem in the middle of the Mississippi River--the Rock Island Arsenal-- home of the Army Sustainment Command, First Army, Joint Munitions Command, the Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center, Army Contracting Command, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Navy Operational Support Center & the Rock Island Arsenal Garrison. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and the Coast Guard work alongside a Department of Defense Civilian workforce that is second to none. We are proud of our support for the Rock Island Arsenal, the men & women who serve & work there and their families. They are our friends, neighbors and family members. Join us on the 15th of June as we celebrate the 238th birthday of the Army and our commitment to all who serve at the Quad Cities Military Salute Gala.

o University of Iowa Veterans Association Meeting, **19 Jun 2013** 3:30pm, 111 Communications Center, The University of Iowa, **Iowa City, IA 52242 (Johnson Co.)**, Michael Considine, Vice President, (712) 301-8024, michael-considine@uiowa.edu

o Midwest Military Outreach Inc. Community Partnership Meeting, **20 Jun 2013** 9:00-10:00 am, Goodwill of the Heartland, 1441 Blairs Ferry Road NE, **Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-1227 (Linn Co.)**, Ann Vogel, annvogel01@gmail.com, <http://www.midwestmilitaryoutreach.org>

o Veteran Employment Opportunities Fair, **20 Jun 2013** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, American Legion Post #111, 1101 West 4th Street South, **Newton, IA 50208 (Jasper Co.)**, Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs, Chris Chartier, (641) 792-7993, <http://www.co.jasper.ia.us/index.aspx?page=102>. Note – Post 111 would like to extend an invitation to all unemployed and/or underemployed Veterans and their families for an opportunity to sit down with local employers, VA Education and Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists, and employers from surrounding counties who are dedicated to hiring Veterans. All Employers will have positions to be filled and applicants are urged to bring copies of their resumes.

o The Adjutant General Iowa National Guard Summer Concert Series Welcomes “The Electric Koolaid Trio” (Blues & Blues-Infused Rock Band), Concert Series #4 of 5, **20 Jun 2013** 7:00 pm, Camp Dodge Historic Pool Complex, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, **Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co.)**, Colonel Greg Hapgood, Public Affairs Officer, gregory.hapgood@us.army.mil, (515) 252-4582, Note - The concert series, which is free and open to the public, consists of five concerts on successive Thursdays, including 30 May, 6 Jun, 13 Jun, 20 Jun, 27 Jun. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your lawn chairs. Coolers and picnic baskets are welcome. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled, if possible.
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o Posthumous Presentation of U.S. Army Medals to Family of Sergeant William Berg, Vietnam Veteran, **24 Jun 2013** 1:00 pm, Pottawattamie County Court House, 227 South 6th Street, **Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (Pottawattamie Co.)**, Note – Medals being presented to Sergeant Berg’s family include the Air Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with ONE Silver Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/ Palm Unit Citation.

o CAREER FAIR for Veterans, Military Personnel and their Spouse, **25 Jun 2013**, 1:00-5:00 pm, Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center, 75 E. Army Post Road, **Des Moines, Iowa 50315-5866 (Polk Co.)** Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson, Veterans Education and Programs Coordinator, 515.285.4692 EXT 3006, ftdm.museum.vets.edu@gmail.com. Whether attendees seek present employment, underemployment solutions, higher education through the GI Bill, or additional training options, this career fair is designed to service our veteran and military populations in the Great Des Moines Area. With an eye on local community service and development, spouses are invited to participate. Assistance in career building, resume writing and interviewing skills will be available by Veteran Rep Specialist.

1) Military Friendly Employers and Schools are encouraged to contact Lisa or register on the Greater Des Moines Partnership’s secure website at: <https://secure5.websiteencryption.com/SMPgdmp-events/userdocs/VetsCareerFairExhibitors6.25.2013/VetsCareerFairExhibitors6.25.2013.aspx>.

2) Veteran, Active, Reserve and Guard members are encouraged to attend.

THERE IS NO COST OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR CAREER-SEEKERS TO ATTEND THIS FAIR.

o Care-Pack Event for Families of Deployed Service members, **27 Jun 2013** 5:00-7:00 pm, Support Siouxland Soldiers, 514 Nebraska St., **Sioux City, IA 51101 (Woodbury Co.)**, Sarah Peterson, (712) 541-8020, siouxlandtroops@gmail.com.

o The Adjutant General Iowa National Guard Summer Concert Series Welcomes “The El Dorados” (Jump Blues Band), Concert Series #5 of 5, **27 Jun 2013** 7:00 pm, Camp Dodge Historic Pool Complex, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, **Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co.)**, Colonel Greg Hapgood, Public Affairs Officer, gregory.hapgood@us.army.mil, (515) 252-4582, Note - The concert series, which is free and open to the public, consists of five concerts on successive Thursdays, including 30 May, 6 Jun, 13 Jun, 20 Jun, 27 Jun. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your lawn chairs. Coolers and picnic baskets are welcome. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be rescheduled, if possible.

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o 1st Annual Paralyzed Veterans of America Trapshoot, **28-30 Jun 2013**, Otter Creek Sportsman's Club, 9001 Milburn Rd NE **Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 (Linn Co.)**, David Graham, (660) 868-0097, Kenny Lloyd (515) 570-1402, iowapvasports@yahoo.com. Note – A detailed flyer of this event is available by reaching out to the points of contact.

o AMVETS Veterans Appreciation Bike Event, **29 Jun 2013** 9:00 am – 8:00 pm, AMVETS Riders Post #2, 2815 5th Ave., Des Moines, IA 50313 (Polk Co.), Mary VanHorn, AMVETS Post #2, amvetspost22000@yahoo.com, (515) 243-9398

o Tallman-Lewis Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9664 and the Camanche American Legion Post 734 will host a Picnic in the Park as part of Independence Day Observance, **30 June 2013** 12:00 pm, Platt Park on 9th Ave, **Camanche, IA** (Clinton Co.), Glenn Williams, commander@iowavfwpost9664.org. Note - Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided by the VFW. We are asking guests to bring a side dish or desert to share. In the event of rain the picnic will be held at Garner Hall, 311 9th Ave, Camanche, Iowa.

o VFW Post 9668 Business Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston Veterans of Foreign Wars, **1 Jul 2013** 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.)**, Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com, (515) 778-6165

o Yoga Opportunity for Military Personnel & Veterans, **2 Jul 2013** 3:00 – 9:00 pm, Fred Maytag II Scout Center, 6123 Scout Trail, **Des Moines, IA 50321 (Polk Co.)**, Olivia Kvitne, oliviakvitne@gmail.com

o Red, White and Boom – America's Birthday Party! **3 July 2013** 6:00pm, LeClaire Park in downtown Davenport, 400 West Beiderbecke Drive, **Davenport, IA 52801 (Scott Co.)** and Schwiebert Park in downtown Rock Island, on the riverfront between 17th and 20th streets, **Rock Island, IL 61201 (Rock Island Co.)** Jason Gilliland, Director of Events, Downtown Davenport Partnership, (563) 823-2681, jgilliland@quadcitieschamber.com. FREE and open to the public. Don't miss the best fireworks display in the Quad-Cities shot over the Mighty Mississippi featuring live performances, fun activities, food, drinks, and more! This family friendly event celebrating America's Birthday offers plenty of entertainment on both sides of the Mighty Mississippi, so dig in to our event website (<https://sites.google.com/site/redwhiteboom/>) and plan your holiday now.

o Quarterly Meeting of Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs, **10 Jul 2013** 10:00 am, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, Building 3692 (A-9), 7105 NW 70th Ave., Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center, **Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co)**, Todd Jacobus, Commission Chairperson, todd.jacobus@us.army.mil, (515) 252-4873; Mari Mielke, Administrative Assistant to Executive Director of Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, mari.mielke@iowa.gov, (515) 242-5331. Note – These quarterly meetings are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

o The American Legion Department of Iowa Annual State Convention, **12-14 Jul 2013**, Sioux City Convention Center, 801 4th Street, **Sioux City, IA 51101 (Woodbury Co.)**, Lyle D. Schaffer, Department Commander, 1-800-365-8387, commander@ialegion.org

o Iowa Paralyzed Veterans of American 2nd Annual Red, White & Blue Golf Outing, **13 Jul 2013** 2:00 pm, River Valley Golf Course, 22927 Valley View Trail **Adel, IA 50003 (Dallas Co.)**, Kim Gould, (515) 669-8746, iowapvakim@yahoo.com. Note – This is a 4-person best ball outing with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded at 7:00 pm.

o “7 Habits of Highly Effective Military Families, Part of the “Strong Bonds” Retreat Program Sponsored by Iowa National Guard, **13-14 Jul 2013**, Specific site to be determined, **Dayton, IA, (Webster Co.)**, Chaplain (Major) Gary Selof, (515)252-4189, gary.selof@us.army.mil . Note: This program uses military family examples to help military families endure the difficult OPTEMPO the Iowa Guard has seen in recent years. This is one of the best programs available to help military families learn how to stay focused, stay

positive and set goals for themselves and their families. Duty orders and invitational travel orders are available for National Guard Soldiers and Spouses; military personnel and spouses from other services MAY register and attend, but will not be funded by the National Guard.

o University of Iowa Veterans Association Meeting, **17 Jul 2013** 3:30pm, 111 Communications Center, The University of Iowa, **Iowa City, IA 52242 (Johnson Co.)**, Michael Considine, Vice President, (712)301-8024, michael-considine@uiowa.edu

o 114th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW, **20-24 Jul 2013, Louisville KY**

o Discounted Tickets to Military (15%) to Production of “Jersey Boys, **24 Jul – 4 Aug 2013**, Des Moines Performing Arts Center, 221 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 (Polk Co.), groups@desmoinesperformingarts.org, Visit <http://www.desmoinesperformingarts.org/events/group-sales/e-tickets.php> and enter code: “MILITARY”.

o 8th Annual Cherokee County Veteran Appreciation Day, **27 Jul 2013** 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Cherokee County Fair Grounds, **Cherokee, IA (Cherokee Co.)**, Dana Evans, County Veterans Service Officer, cherokeevets@gmail.com, Work: (712) 225-6319, Cell: (712) 229-6061

o Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program Workshop, Part of the “Strong Bonds” Retreat Program Sponsored by Iowa National Guard, **27-28 Jul 2013**, Specific Site to be determined, **Waterloo, IA, (Blackhawk Co.)**, Chaplain (Major) Gary Selof, (515) 252-4189, gary.selof@us.army.mil. Note: This workshop and materials teach couples the skills they need to nurture a lasting relationship. PREP begins by teaching effective communication skills, addresses problem resolution strategies, and reveals how to discover the hidden issues in every relationship.

o Registration DEADLINE Veterans Parade at Iowa State Fairgrounds, **5 Aug 2013**, Mari Mielke, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, (515) 242-5331, mari.mielke@iowa.gov, (515) 242-5331

o VFW Post 9668 Business Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston Veterans of Foreign Wars, **5 Aug 2013** 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.)**, Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com, (515) 778-6165

o Joining Community Forces (JCF) Meeting, **8 Aug 2013** 8:00-11:45 am, 185th Air Re-Fueling Wing Headquarters Iowa Air National Guard, 2920 Headquarters Ave., **Sioux City, IA 51111 (Woodbury Co.)**, Sondra VanderPol, (515) 252-4758, sondra.l.vanderpol.ctr@mail.mil. Note – This group was formerly known as “Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee.”

o National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, **8-12 Aug 2013, Milwaukee, WI**. 1/Lt. D. Lamb, 49th Iowa, digger1@q.com, (515) 986-4825. Note – This is the annual national business meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. This event is open to members of those orders only.

o 2013 Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve Civilian Employer Basic Training, **11 Aug 2013** 7:30-11:30 am, Army Aviation Flight Facility #3, 2245 W Big Rock Rd, **Waterloo, IA 50703-9643 (Blackhawk Co.)**, Becky Coady, rebecca.l.coady@us.army.mil, 1-800-294-6607 #2757

o Veterans Day at Iowa State Fair, **12 Aug 2013** 11:00 am, Iowa State Fairgrounds, 3000 East Grand Ave., **Des Moines, IA 50317 (Polk Co.)**, Mari Mielke, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, (515) 242-5331, mari.mielke@iowa.gov, Note-Staging will take place at Gate #4 at 8:00 am. Gate 4 is at Northeast Parking Lot (vicinity Sims Cemetery off of University).

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o Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve 2013 Civilian Employer Boss Lift Opportunity, 16-18 Aug 2013, Volk Field / Fort McCoy, WI, Becky Coady, rebecca.l.coady@us.army.mil, 1-800-294-6607 #2757. Note – The US Army Reserve and Employer ESGR would like to invite you to participate in a Bosslift to Volk Field and Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. Units will be participating in their Annual Training (AT) during this time and would like to provide you the opportunity to observe your military employees in training. A Boss lift gives civilians the opportunity to experience the professionalism and expertise of our Army Reserve members. Individuals that participate in this event will walk away with an appreciation of the Reserve assets and a clearer understanding of mandatory training Army troops must have in order to support both State and National needs.

o 28th Annual Iowa National Guard Alumni Day, **17 Aug 2013** 7:00 am – 3:00 pm, Freedom Center Building 1285 (S70), Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center, 7105 NW 70th Ave., **Johnston, IA 50131 (Polk Co.)**, Lieutenant Colonel Chuck Connors, (515) 252-4414, chuck.connors@us.army.mil, Note – This event is an opportunity for The Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, and his Staff, to greet Alumni, Soldiers and Airmen who have served in the Iowa National Guard, as well as to share information about benefits and opportunities available to them as retirees.

o National Convention American Legion, 23-29 Aug 2013, Houston, TX

o “The Wall That Heals” Vietnam Veteran Memorial Coming to Audubon County, **30 Aug – 2 Sep 2013**, Audubon County Court House, Specific Location To Be Determined, **Audubon, IA (Audubon Co.)**, Gary Riesgaard, (712) 563-2742, aced@iowatelecom.net.

o Labor Day, Federal Holiday, 2 Sep 2013 (First Monday in September Annually)

o Veterans Job Fair, **4 Sep 2013** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal, Baylor Conference Room, Building 104 3rd Floor, Rock Island Arsenal, **Rock Island, IL**, Ethel Robinson, US Army Garrison Human Resources Specialist, ethel.m.robinson.civ@mail.mil, (309) 782-2913 / 5711, Stephanie Allers, US Army Garrison Guidance Counselor, stephanie.e.allers@us.army.mil.

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o Civil War Monument re-dedication at Winneshiek County Historical Society, **14 Sep 2013** 10:00 am, Winneshiek County Historical Society, 202 Winnebago St., **Decorah, IA 52101 (Winneshiek Co.)**, 1/Lt. D. Lamb, 49th Iowa, digger1@q.com, (515) 986-4825. Note –Local historical society celebration of soldiers from NE Iowa who served in the American Civil War.

o United States Air Force (USAF) Birthday, 18 Sep 2013 (September 18, 1947)

o Quarterly Meeting of Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs, **18 Sep 2013** 10:00 am, Malloy Learning Resource Center, Iowa Veterans Home, 1301 Summit St., **Marshalltown, IA 50158 (Marshall Co.)**, Todd

Jacobus, Commission Chairperson, todd.jacobus@us.army.mil, (515) 252-4873; Michael Hines, michael.hines@ivh.state.ia.us, (641) 753-4309 – These quarterly meetings are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

o 135th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States, **20-23 Sep 2013, Honolulu HI**, <http://www.ngaus.org>

o Iowa Military and Veterans State Conference, **23 Sep 2013** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, University of Northern Iowa Campus, **Cedar Falls, IA (Black Hawk Co.)**, Julia M. Heuer, UNI Military and Veteran Student Services Coordinator, (319) 273-3040, julia.heuer@uni.edu. Note – The team is looking for professionals who have worked with veterans or current military members to present at the conference. We also are looking for veterans or current military members who are attending college to present on panels. The goal of this year's conference is to educate campuses and the Iowa community about the military culture and the diversity service members bring to our campuses. This also includes challenges to the transition process and how campuses can best be prepared to help military members succeed. Additionally, we want to bring awareness to military and veteran students of campus and community resources and how to be successful after college. – <http://www.uni.edu/military/call-for-proposals>

o **National POW – MIA Recognition Day, 20 Sep 2013 (3rd Friday of September Annually)**

o **Gold Star Mother's Day, 29 Sep 2013** (The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 115 of June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1985 as amended), has designated the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Mother's Day.")

o 5K Run / Walk to Honor & Remember Iowa's Fallen Service Members, **29 Sep 2013** 10:00 am, Raccoon River Park, 2500 Grand Ave., **West Des Moines, IA 50265 (Polk Co.)**, <http://www.IowaRemembranceRun.com>, Heather Johnson, heather.johnson@iowaremembrancerun.com, Note – Register online. Early bird registration through 27 May 2013 - \$20.00. Registration 28 May – 15 Sep 2013 - \$25.00. Late Registration 16 Sep 2013 - \$30.00.

o VFW Post 9668 Business Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston Veterans of Foreign Wars, **7 Oct 2013** 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.)**, Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com, (515) 778-6165

o **United States Navy (USN) Birthday, 13 Oct 2013 (October 13, 1775)**

o 2013 Association of the United States Army NATIONAL Conference, **21-23 Oct 2013, Washington DC**, <http://www.ausa.org>

o 2013 Dallas County Veterans Fair, **1 Nov 2013** 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Point of Grace Church, 305 Dartmoor Drive, **Waukee, IA (Dallas Co.)**, Ed Vos, Director Dallas County Veterans Commission, (515) 993-5809, ed.vos@co.dallas.ia.us. Note – This event will be done in an open house format, perspective vendors/representatives contact Ed Vos.

o VFW Post 9668 Business Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston Veterans of Foreign Wars, **4 Nov 2013** 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.)**, Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com, (515) 778-6165

o **United States Marine Corps (USMC) Birthday, 10 Nov 2013 (November 10, 1775)**

o **VETERANS DAY, 11 Nov 2013**

o Johnson County Armory & Veterans Memorial Dedication, **11 Nov 2013 11:00 am**, Johnson County Administration Building, 913 South Dubuque Street, **Iowa City, IA 52240 (Johnson Co.)**, Gary Boseneiler, (319) 356-6049, gbosenei@co.johnson.ia.us

o Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9664 and the Camanche American Legion Post 734 Host Veterans Day Observance Ceremony, **11 Nov 2013** 6:00 pm, Garner Hall, 311 9th Ave, **Camanche, IA (Clinton Co.)**,

Glenn Williams, commander@iowavfwpost9664.org. Note - Following the ceremony there will be a dinner – menu and pricing TBD.

o Joining Community Forces (JCF) Meeting, **14 Nov 2013** 8:00-11:45 am, Joint Forces Headquarters, Iowa National Guard, Building A1, 7105 NW 70th Ave., **Johnston, IA 50131 (Johnston Co.)**, Sondra VanderPol, (515) 252-4758, sondra.l.vanderpol.ctr@mail.mil

o VFW Post 9668 Business Meeting, Urbandale/Johnston Veterans of Foreign Wars, **2 Dec 2013** 7:00 pm, VFW Department of Iowa State Headquarters, 3601 Beaver Ave, **Des Moines, IA 50310 (Polk Co.)**, Robert Forbes, Post 9668 Commander, vfwpost9668@yahoo.com, (515) 778-6165

o Pearl Harbor Day, 72nd Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 Dec 2013 [December 7, 1941]

o Tallman-Lewis Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9664 and Camanche American Legion Post 734 Host Pearl Harbor Day Observance Ceremony, **7 Dec 2013** 6:00 pm, Garner Hall, 311 9th Ave, **Camanche, IA (Clinton Co.)**, Glenn Williams, commander@iowavfwpost9664.org. Following the ceremony there will be a Soup and Sandwich Supper. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation for the meal.

o Iowa Veterans Council IVC Quarterly Meeting, **10 Dec 2013** 1300-1500, Paralyzed Veterans of America Headquarters, 3703 1/2 Douglas Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310, Dave Thornburg, Secretary-Treasurer, (515) 229-8943, tankrockape@live.com. Note – The IVC is comprised of representatives of the following veterans organizations: The Veterans of World War I (honorary), AMVETS, Ex-Prisoners-of-War, Iowa Paralyzed Veterans of America, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, 40 and 8, Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans. Note 2 – The IVC may adjust its meeting locations, but it is based at the PVA. Note 3 – The IVC meets on the second Tuesday of March, June, September, and December.

o United States National Guard (USNG) 377th Birthday, 13 Dec 2013 (December 13, 1636)

o The University of Iowa Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony, **21 Dec 2013** Time TBD, 21 Old Capitol, **Iowa City IA 52242 (Johnson Co.)**, MAJ Albrecht, Professor of Military Science, Sharyl Grimm, (319) 335-9187, sharyl-grimm@uiowa.edu

o 6th Annual Veteran Symposium for Higher Education, **23-25 Feb 2013**, Hyatt Regency Hotel, **Louisville, KY**, Vice President for Student Affairs University of Louisville, Register at: <http://stuaff.org/veterans/>; details available from vpsa@louisville.edu, 502-852-6933.

o 50th Annual Iowa National Guard Officers Association Recognition Dinner, 29 Mar 2013

o Opening Shots of American Revolution Fired at Lexington, MA – 239 years, 19 Apr 2013 (April 19, 1775) “Shot heard ‘round the world”

o The University of Northern Iowa Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony, **9 May 2014** Time TBD, West Gym, The University of Northern Iowa Campus, 1227 West 27th Street, **Cedar Falls IA 50613 (Blackhawk Co.)**, Major Kristy Rose, kristy.rose@uni.edu, (319) 273-6337

o Suspense Date for The Jeff Sharlet Memorial Award for Veterans Writing Competition, **15 May 2014**, The Iowa Review, 308 EPB, **Iowa City, IA 52242 (Johnson Co.)**, (319) 335-0462, iowa-review@uiowa.edu, <http://iowareview.uiowa.edu/veteranswritingcontest>

o The University of Iowa Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Ceremony, **17 May 2014** Time TBD, Iowa Memorial Union, 125 N Madison St Iowa City, IA 52242, **Iowa City IA 52242 (Johnson Co.)**, MAJ Albrecht, Professor of Military Science, Sharyl Grimm, (319) 335-9187, sharyl-grimm@uiowa.edu

o Memorial Day, 26 May 2014 (Last Monday in May Annually)

- o **Birthday of the United States Army, 14 Jun 2014 – 239 years (June 14, 1775)**
- o 2014 National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars FW, **9-23 Jul 2014, St. Louis MO,**
- o **Labor Day, Federal Holiday, 1 Sep 2014 (First Monday in September Annually)**
- o **National POW – MIA Recognition Day, 19 Sep 2014 (3rd Friday of September Annually)**
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